

DIARY NOTES

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1. General Cabell buzzed to say that he had talked by telephone to Mr. Dulles who had some new ideas in connection with the budget presentation. Mr. Dulles wants to prepare some data in a rather "broad brush" fashion summarizing covert operations (less FI operations) for the past five years. He has in mind that this information would not be broken down by country, but, rather, by region, i.e., Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, Central America, Western Europe, etc. A dollar figure would, of course, be tied to each region. He believes that a presentation of this type, with the costs indicated, would look very small indeed in comparison to the large expenditures for foreign aid, military assistance, etc. I met with [REDACTED], Ed Saunders, and [REDACTED] to relay this to them and to ask them to start the necessary preparations. H

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2. Jim Garrison was up for a briefing, incidental to which he called my attention to the fact that we had no naval officers in our Military Personnel Division. Inasmuch as we have had a great deal of difficulty in dealing with the Navy, I think that this matter is certainly worth consideration and will take it up with Gordon Stewart.

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3. Jim and I also discussed the problems with which we would be confronted in trying to merge Projects AQUATONE and [REDACTED]. I told him that I was aware of these but that I heartily indorsed the merger.

4. Ed Saunders reported that Mr. Keister from the House Appropriations Committee was over to see him and that their conference was entirely satisfactory. Mr. Keister seems to understand the reasons why we cannot comply fully with the requests of the Committee. Ed is to follow up on this with Mr. Orescan of the Committee Staff.

5. Ed and I also discussed the letter from Mr. Brundage in which we have been asked for our budget estimates for Fiscal Years 1959, 1960, 1961, and 1962. I transmitted it to General Cabell with the request that we be given guidance at the earliest possible date. General Cabell called me later to say that he thought the subject should be put on the agenda for the 18 April meeting with the Director at which we are going to discuss "manpower." He said that if we needed to have guidance in the meantime we would have to take the "character and level" paper of the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans) as presented. I told him I didn't think that this was realistic and he suggested that we talk to the Director about it as soon as he got back. I have told Ed Saunders and [REDACTED] of this conversation, and it appears that we won't get any firm guidance until sometime after the 18th.

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6. Jim Garrison telephoned to say that the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company wanted to defer installation of the interdepartmental dialing system in CIA until we got into the new building. I told him I didn't see that this would make too much difference to us and that it was all right to proceed on this basis. H

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7. I talked to [REDACTED] about Bill phasing in as the DD/S Building Liaison Officer as Bob phased out over the next several months.

8. Norman Paul was over to discuss the "summer only" employment situation with me since he felt that he was almost committed to Fred Belen to take on the son of an ex-congressman. I explained to him that we had had several other congressional inquiries and that I thought it would be a very bad precedent to start. He agreed somewhat reluctantly and said that he would tell Fred that we couldn't take this man on. However, while Norman was in my office I telephoned Gordon Stewart and asked him to see if we couldn't steer this particular fellow, and others who have inquired from the Hill, to other Government agencies. H

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9. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he would like to accompany the Administrative Officers to [REDACTED] for their seminar at the end of this month. I told him that we would be glad to have him.

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10. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he wanted to substitute some Personnel units for those which had been scheduled earlier to move to Arlington Towers. The square footage involved would be approximately the same. I told him to go ahead but to submit a memorandum to the Office of Logistics so that we would have the change as a matter of record.

11. Vernon also said that he had a memorandum from Lyman Kirkpatrick requesting that we set up a large conference with the Bureau of Employees Compensation to discuss compensation and other benefits for employees who were disabled due to mental illnesses. I told him that I thought we ought to have a conference among ourselves first and asked him to lay it on in Kirk's office.

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12. [REDACTED] informed me that there was some problem as to timing in connection with [REDACTED] transfer to the FI Staff and said that he might want to substitute [REDACTED] I told him that this would be agreeable to me if it worked out that way.

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